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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventor: **HIDETAKA NATGUME**  
Serial No.: **10/046,792**  
Filed: **January 15, 2002**  
Title: **SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE AND  
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF**  
Group Art Unit: **2815**

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**AMENDMENT**

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**Introductory Comments**

Please amend the above captioned application as follows:

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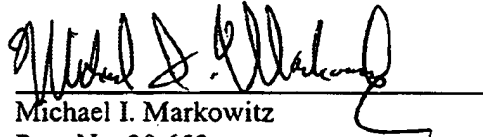
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However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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